

contests and would spend many hours of her own time planning and leading district workshops.

Ms. Wong's work has been so important to the community that her fellow staff members, along with her students, have decided to honor her through the dedication of a Professional Research Center and a Memorial Reading Garden. Both the center and the garden will be built next to the library that Ms. Wong loved for 12 years.

It is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join with me in saluting Ms. Wong for her outstanding achievements. She was an amazing person and her memory will live on through the Cynthia Wong Research Center and Reading Garden and through the many lives she touched.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAXINE JAMES, ESSEX COUNTY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 2006*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me as I rise to congratulate my Chief of Staff, Ms. Maxine James, on her induction into the Essex County Hall of Fame. This is a well-deserved honor for Ms. James, as she has been a positive force for the betterment of Essex County for many years.

Fortunately for me and the residents of Essex County, Ms. James has always been strongly committed to meeting the needs of her community. It was through her vision and insight that some of the finest public servants in Essex County have been drawn into government service. She has also been responsible for helping to establish long-term, beneficial programs in the County, including the Newark Emergency Services for Families (NESF). NESF provides a life-line for residents of Newark and Essex County who are facing challenging situations including homelessness, a lack of heat, or the need for food to feed their families. She has contributed her time and talent to numerous community-based organizations over the years.

Throughout my years as an elected official, Ms. James has been a staunch supporter, friend and confidante. She is a true professional with a creative genius that has garnered many friends from all walks of life. Before my election to Congress, I had the privilege of working with Ms. James at Prudential Insurance Company in Newark, where she impressed me with her enormous energy, intelligence and tenacity. During my tenure on the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Maxine generously volunteered her services on several committees doing work to benefit the local community.

When I was elected to the office of Newark Municipal Council in the early 1980's, Maxine joined my team and did an excellent job running my office and providing assistance to the residents of the South Ward over the course of 7 years. In 1988, upon my election to Congress, I selected Ms. James to be my Chief of Staff, and she continues in that role today. Her loyalty is admirable and her dedication is un-

paralleled. She is indeed "one of a kind" and it is my good fortune to have benefited from that distinction.

Ms. James is the mother of two children, Chris and Brian, and the proud grandmother of two, Olivia and Malcolm.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in extending best wishes to Ms. Maxine James as she is inducted into the Essex County Hall of Fame. I am pleased to congratulate her on this very special award and wish her all the best as she continues her public service.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOEL M. CARP

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 2006*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Joel M. Carp who will soon retire from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago after 28 years of service to that organization. Through the Jewish Federation, Mr. Carp has supported the organization's goals of supporting local, national and international services in regards to human welfare.

Mr. Carp is an advocate for sound public social policy and has written over 30 articles pertaining to social work, social planning and refugee resettlement. Throughout his career, Mr. Carp has collaborated with the City of Chicago Mayor's Task Force on issues from hunger to homelessness. Additionally, Mr. Carp was appointed to work with the City of Chicago on welfare reform.

Previous to his work with the Jewish Federation, Mr. Carp devoted 20 years to the Jewish Community Field Center. Mr. Carp has worked in partnership with various organizations such as HIAS, NYANA and OMB Watch to champion for societal improvements. Moreover, Mr. Carp taught as a social work field Professor at various universities in their graduate programs.

Mr. Carp is a man of integrity who keeps his word. At the request of my Chief of Staff Richard Boykin and Craig Roberts, Chief of Staff for Representative JOHN SHIMKUS, Mr. Carp organized an Illinois Chiefs of Staff delegation to visit Israel. During the visit, the Illinois Chiefs of Staff learned many interesting things about Israel and had the good fortune of meeting with the current Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

Mr. Carp is highly esteemed for his social policy work and was recently presented with the Melvin A. Block Award for Professional Distinction. Mr. Carp is a pride to the Chicago community and his many years of work are incredibly appreciated. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, please join with me and the residents of the Seventh Congressional District in saluting Mr. Carp for his achievements in the Jewish community, the Chicago-land area and the United States.

PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. JIM MARSHALL**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 22, 2006*

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, I plan to publish additional thoughts elsewhere about why I voted against H.R. 4681, The Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006. I expect to be joined in these thoughts by Dr. Bruce Hoffman, a world renowned expert on the subject of terrorism. For now, however, let me simply offer the following brief observations for today's RECORD, particularly because my vote so angered a valued colleague of mine.

In my view, H.R. 4681 passed the House by an overwhelming majority earlier today because my colleagues seek the end of violent jihadist terrorism and are committed to protecting Israel and its citizens. As my words, votes and actions consistently show, I strongly share these objectives. But at this juncture, I would try a different strategy to attain them.

The storied Archibald Wavell, then a young British officer who had served on Allenby's staff in Palestine, offered this prescient bit of irony about the treaties ending World War I: "After the 'war to end war' they seem to have been pretty successful in Paris at making a 'peace to end peace'." That his prediction has come true thus far is of grave concern to the United States and Israel, two fast allies facing violent jihadist enemies with access to ever more sophisticated killing technology. Somehow we must break the cycle of hatred and violence.

Though facially counterintuitive given its history of hatred and violence, I believe Hamas' victory in the Palestinian elections offers a rare, if slim, opportunity to break this cycle, an opportunity well worth exploring given the enormous stakes and intractable nature of the problem. Unfortunately H.R. 4681 squanders that opportunity by rushing to judgment about the added danger of Hamas as a majority legislative party and by merely continuing strategies that have failed for decades to secure a lasting peace. It and the economic embargo already undertaken by Israel and the United States are apt to further radicalize the Palestinian population (and the Arab world generally), accelerating and extending the cycle of violence and broadening the opportunity for Al Qaeda in Palestine.

Hamas, in the short run, cannot credibly agree to the three preconditions set in H.R. 4681. But it can agree to a cessation of violence while diplomacy progresses. With luck, time and diplomatic skill, that might lead to a peace agreement accepted by Hamas and, hence, worth something more than the paper evidencing it. Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyah has said that Hamas could redefine its position if doing so would further the interests of the Palestinian people. And polls consistently show a majority of Palestinians will accept a two state solution and recognition of Israel.

Hamas now enjoys Ariel Sharon-like strength and credibility among Arabs and Palestinians. No question its election victory at least calls for extra vigilance and caution from Israel and the West. It has committed acts of terrorism which all decent people condemn in